

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 12, 2005. Claims 1 to 24 are in the application, of which all claims have been allowed. Claims 1, 11, 19 and 22 are independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 24 are allowed.

The Examiner entered an *Ex parte Quayle* action directed to a formal matter of labeling Figures 1 and 2 as "Prior Art."

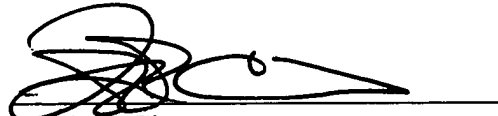
In response, Applicant has attended to the Examiner's formal request, and has submitted herewith Replacement Sheets showing Figures 1 and 2 labeled as "Prior Art."

In addition, Claims 21 and 24 have been amended to correct matters of form. Specifically, --stored in a computer-readable medium-- has been added to these claims. These changes were discussed with the Examiner during a telephone conversation conducted on January 31, 2006, and were tentatively approved by him for entry. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested, even though prosecution on the merits has been closed.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

In response to the Examiner's objections to the drawings, Applicant submits herewith Replacement Sheets for Figures 1 and 2 to attend to the objections. Approval of the Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.